

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-21 (cancelled).

Claim 22 (original). A composition for treating a skin disorder, comprising:  
  
a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier; and  
  
an active ingredient of inorganic ions comprising rubidium and at least one other ion selected from the group consisting of potassium, zinc, and calcium, wherein the composition has a pH of approximately 4-7.

Claim 23 (currently amended). The composition of Claim 22 wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable carrier is selected from the group consisting of ointments and, creams, ~~hydrogels, alginates, and kerosol~~.

Claim 24 (currently amended). A method for treating a skin disorder comprising:  
  
providing a therapeutic composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and an active ingredient of inorganic ions comprising rubidium ~~rubidium~~ and at least one other ion selected

from the group consisting of potassium, zinc, and calcium, wherein the composition has a pH of approximately 4-7; and

applying the composition to the skin;

wherein the skin disorder is selected from the group consisting of psoriasis, impetigo, Kaposi sarcoma, acne, melanoma, lesions, and gangrene.

Claim 25 (cancelled).